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1. BELOW IS TEXT OF OCTOBER 29 NHAN DAN COMMENTARY
ENTITLED "DECEITFUL U.S. DIPLOMATIC MANEUVER,"

BEGIN TEXT:

"THE FORD ADMINISTRATION, RANGING FROM THE HEADS OF THE
STATE MACHINERY TO THE PROPAGANDA ORGANS, HAS IN RECENT
DAYS MADE A FUSS ABOUT THE SO-CALLED 'FORTHCOMING CONFERENCE
BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND VIETNAM TO DISCUSS BILATERAL
RELATIONS' AND THE FACT THAT 'THERE IS PROGRESS IN RELA-
TIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND VIETNAM.'

"THIS NOISY PROPAGANDA CAMPAIGN COMES ONLY A FEW DAYS
BEFORE THE U.S. PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION. OBVIOUSLY, IT IS
AIMED AT DECEIVING THE U.S. PEOPLE WHO ARE DISCOURAGED,
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DISPLEASED AND INDIGNANT WITH THE FORD ADMINISTRATION'S

DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN POLICIES. THE AMERICAN PEOPLE REMAIN VERY INDIFFERENT TOWARD THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS, AS THE U.S. PRESS HAS ADMITTED. MOREOVER, IT IS AN EMBARRASSED AND CLUMSY MOVE BY WASHINGTON TO OPPOSE THE STRONG PRESSURE OF THE WORLD PUBLIC DEMANDS THAT THE UNITED STATES RECOGNIZE VIETNAM'S UN MEMBERSHIP AND CONTRIBUTE TO HEALING THE WOUNDS OF WAR IT INFLICTED ON VIETNAM, AS STATED IN THE PARIS AGREEMENT.

"IN FACT, AS A RESULT OF ITS SERIOUS POSITION AND POSITIVE ATTITUDE, IN ANSWER TO A RECENT PROPOSAL OF THE UNITED STATES, VIETNAM HAS SENT A NOTE AGREEING TO A MEETING BETWEEN REPRESENTATIVES OF THE TWO SIDES TO DISCUSS ISSUES OF MUTUAL CONCERN. THIS IS A GENERAL DIPLOMATIC MOVE. HOWEVER, WITH BAD INTENTIONS, THE FORD ADMINISTRATION HAS TAKEN ADVANTAGE OF USING THE DISPUTE TO GARNER VOTES IN THE 2 NOVEMBER PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION AND AT THE SAME TIME TO PREPARE PUBLIC OPINION FOR THE COMING U.S. VETO OF VIETNAM'S ENTRY INTO THE UNITED NATIONS.

"THIS ODIIOUS ACT OF THE U.S. ADMINISTRATION CAN CERTAINLY DECEIVE NO ONE. THE 'DECEITFUL' DIPLOMATIC MANEUVERS OF FORD AND KISSINGER HAVE BEEN REVEALED. THE WORLD'S PEOPLE AND U.S. PROGRESSIVES ARE ALL AWARE OF THE HOSTILE U.S. POLICY. PEOPLE STILL REMEMBER THE ARROGANT U.S. REQUEST THAT VIETNAM SUPPLY A FULL ACCOUNTING OF THE AMERICANS MISSING IN THE WAR OF AGGRESSION AGAINST THIS COUNTRY, CONSIDERING IT AN 'ESSENTIAL PREREQUISITE FOR ANY NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND VIETNAM.' CONVERSELY, THE UNITED STATES HAS DENIED ITS RESPONSIBILITY AND OBLIGATION TO IMPLEMENT ARTICLE 21 OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT ON HEALING THE WOUNDS OF WAR AND POSTWAR RECONSTRUCTION OF VIETNAM. THIS ILLOGICAL U.S. ATTITUDE IS UNACCEPTABLE. IT IS A CHALLENGE TO U.S. PROGRESSIVES AND THE WORLD. THE UNITED STATES HAS NO RIGHTS TO DEMAND THAT VIETNAM IMPLEMENT ARTICLE (21) WHILE IT DENIES ITS RESPONSIBILITY FOR IMPLEMENTING ARTICLE 21 OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT ON VIETNAM. THE UNITED STATES CANNOT DENY ITS OBLIGATION TO HEAL THE WAR WOUNDS AND CONTRIBUTE TO THE POSTWAR RECONSTRUCTION OF VIETNAM.

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IMPLEMENTATION OF ARTICLE 21 IS A QUESTION OF THE CONSCIENCE, RESPONSIBILITY AND HONOR OF THE UNITED STATES. IMPLEMENTATION OF ARTICLE 21 IS DEMANDED BY U.S. PROGRESSIVES AND THE WORLD.

"IS IT THAT FORD AND KISSINGER HAVE REALLY BEEN CONCERNED ABOUT THE FAMILIES OF AMERICAN SOLDIERS WHO WERE KILLED OR LISTED AS MISSING WHILE PERPETRATING CRIMES IN

VIETNAM? NOT AT ALL. HAD THEY BEEN TRULY CONCERNED ABOUT THE LIVES OF AMERICANS AS THEY HAVE BEEN CLAIMING, THEY WOULD HAVE FULL IMPLEMENTED ALL THE PROVISIONS OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT, INCLUDING THE VERY IMPORTANT ARTICLE 21.

"IN AN ATTEMPT TO GARNER VOTES IN THE COMING PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION, FORD RESORTED TO THIS CHEAP POLITICAL PLOY, PLAYING ON THE MISERIES OF VICTIMIZED AMERICAN FAMILIES WHOSE SONS AND BROTHERS HAD BEEN DRIVEN BY VARIOUS AMERICAN ADMINISTRATIONS INTO AGGRESSION AGAINST VIETNAM.

"SO FAR, VIETNAM HAS ALWAYS SHOWN ITS SERIOUS STAND AND POSITIVE ATTITUDE. THIS IS KNOWN TO EVERYBODY IN THE WORLD. MANY IN U.S. POLITICAL CIRCLES AND THE PUBLIC HAVE REPEATEDLY ACCLAIMED VIETNAM FOR ALLOWING AMERICAN DELEGATIONS TO COME AND VISIT AND FOR SUPPLYING INFORMATION OR RETURNING THE REMAINS OF AMERICAN SOLDIERS WHO DIED IN BATTLE IN VIETNAM. VIETNAM HAS ON MANY OCCASIONS DECLARED ITS POSITION ON NORMALIZING RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES. RECENTLY, IT AGREED TO THE U.S. PROPOSAL FOR REPRESENTATIVES OF THE TWO SIDES TO MEET TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON MATTERS OF MUTUAL CONCERN.

"HOW HAS THE FORD-KISSINGER ADMINISTRATION RESPONDED TO THIS? ITS OBSTINATELY DEMANDED THAT VIETNAM IMPLEMENT ARTICLE 8B WHILE DISCLAIMING ANY RESPONSIBILITY OR OBLIGATION TO IMPLEMENT ARTICLE 21 OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT. IT ARROGANTLY DECLARED THAT THE UNITED STATES WOULD VETO VIETNAM'S ADMISSION INTO THE UNITED NATIONS DESPITE THE SUPPORT FOR VIETNAM BY THE ABSOLUTE MAJORITY OF UN MEMBER COUNTRIES AND IN DEFIANCE OF THE STRONG CONDEMNATION BY THE WORLD AND U.S. PEOPLE. THE WASHINGTON AUTHORITIES' UNCLASSIFIED

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RECENT STATEMENTS PROVE MORE DEFINITELY THAT THEIR ATTITUDE IS NOT SERIOUS AND THAT THEY DO NOT YET HAVE THE ATTITUDE REQUIRED FOR SUCCESSFUL MEETINGS. THEY ONLY TAKE ADVANTAGE OF VIETNAM'S GOOD WILL CONCERNING THEIR PROPOSAL IN ORDER TO SERVE THEIR OWN DARK POLITICAL OBJECTIVES. THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE FAILURE TO SETTLE THE QUESTION OF NORMALIZING RELATIONS BETWEEN VIETNAM AND THE UNITED STATES LIES ENTIRELY WITH THE UNITED STATES. FORD'S UGLY DIPLOMATIC TRICK CANNOT FOOL PUBLIC OPINION AND WILL NOT HELP HIM ACHIEVE HIS DARK DESIGNS. IT WILL ONLY EXPOSE AND ISOLATE HIM AND LEAD HIM TO FAILURE." END TEXT.

2. WE ARE UNABLE TO LOCATE ANY OCTOBER 30 COMMENTARY, BUT THIS PIECE PROBABLY REFLECTS CURRENT VIETNAMESE

PROPAGANDA LINE RE RELATIONS WITH US. KISSINGER

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